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In re utility Patent Application for:)
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PETITION PURSUANT TO MPEP § 711.03(C) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of abandonment of the above-referenced patent application. The mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment is September 21, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f), this Petition is timely filed within two months of the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the failure to timely respond to the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 within the statutory period was the result of the applicants and their attorneys not receiving the Office Communication, which was a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Attached is 1) a Declaration of Lester J. Vincent in support of this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Communication, and 2) a copy of the docket records, wherein the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 would have been entered had it been received and docketed.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request that the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 be remailed.

To expedite prosecution, applicants have enclosed a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 in response to the Office Communication of February 4, 2004, which was a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

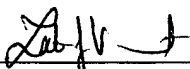
Alternatively, applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) that the application be revived given that the delay was unavoidable. Applicants respectfully submit that the entire delay in filing the required reply was unavoidable given that applicants did not receive a copy of the Office Communication of February 4, 2004 until having a photocopy made from the PTO prosecution history after receipt of the Notice of Abandonment.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 27, 2004

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